

8 April 1990

MEMORANDUM FORM (GSA GEN. REG. 25-10)

NAME : ROBERT J. HOLCOMBE

POSITION : H. G. HOLCOMBE, Potential Nazi War Criminal Traveller

1. In a recent contact meeting with the unidentified case officer,
ASSISTANT 2 stated that a distant cousin of his wife, Mrs. ROBERT J. HOLCOMBE, had
been invited to visit the Soviet Union in May 1990 together with a delegation
of American metallurgists. He will spend six days in the Soviet Union
during the tour.

2. Attached is additional biographical information on HOLCOMBE taken
from a publication of the American Institute of Metallurgical Engineers
(AIME) of which HOLCOMBE is a member. His present address is as follows:

ROBERT J. HOLCOMBE
6025 Forest Avenue
Gary, Indiana

3. ASSISTANT 2 contacted HOLCOMBE personally during a recent trip to
the Detroit area and may have given him some requirements of his own primarily
pertaining to his

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M. J. HOLOWATY

JAMES H. HILLAWAY, JR., AIME

In memory of her husband, one of the most prominent blast-furnace engineers in the industry today, the late Margaret Hillis, who died October 1951, the fund forming the basis of this award, which consists of a certificate and a check for \$75. The rules governing the award stipulate that the recipient must be under forty when he completes the work that merits the award. He must have exhibited exceptional ability in research, invention, or contributions to the technical literature of those branches of the technology of the iron and steel industry related to the metallurgy of the iron. The award was presented at the Metallurgical Dinner last evening.

Mr. J. Holowaty was born in West Ukraine in 1909, when that country was under Polish domination. In 1910 he entered the University of Breslau from which he graduated in 1913 as Research Chemist with a degree of M.A. One year later he received a Ph.D. There, three weeks after his final examination, Breslau became the scene of military action and Dr. Holowaty escaped just ahead of the advancing Reds. He then settled in Heidelberg where he was appointed Science Associate in the Chemical Engineering Institute of the University of Heidelberg, remaining there until 1924. Simultaneously, he served as liaison officer at the U. S. Military Government Headquarters in the same city.

With his family, Dr. Holowaty came to the United States in January 1924. Until May 1951, he lived in Marquette, Mich., and was employed in the Research Laboratory of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co. He then joined the Inland Steel Co. as Metallurgist in the Research and Development Department. He is currently with the same company as Head of Raw Materials Research at the Research Laboratories in East Chicago, Indiana. Dr. Holowaty was elected to membership in AIME in 1950.

The citation accompanying the award reads,

"For his contributions to the literature with respect to the studies made in improving the permeability and productivity of the modern sintering process."